

Mid-Term

Evaluations

Practicum and Internship News

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Greetings Counseling Students!

Please review the following information which highlights some Practicum/Internship-related updates.

Phases

In attempt to simplify, we have decided to eliminate the Phase process. Until now, students have moved through the program via Phase 1, 2, and 3, with these Phases serving as "check points". Now that we are no longer using the Phases, the Field Experiences will serve this purpose. For example, instead of submitting your MMPI-2 Verification form in order to move to Phase 2, you will be required to submit the MMPI-2 Verification before beginning Practicum.

We are currently in the process of updating all forms to reflect this change. All of the new forms will soon be available on our webpage. Please let me know if you have any questions about this change. We are hopeful that this adjustment to the program will be helpful for you!

Practicum/Internship FAQs

We recently developed a list of FAQs regarding field experience policies and posted them on our website (they are also attached to this Newsletter email). This document answers questions such as, "Can I complete a Practicum and Internship at the same site?" and "Can I complete my Practicum/Internship in the same school/agency where I am currently employed?". Please refer to this document as you are searching for a site.

Finding a Site

If you are in the Clinical Mental Health or Marriage, Couple & Family Counseling track, please see the "Finding a Practicum Site" document (attached to this Newsletter email) for information about securing a site.

If you are in the School Counseling track, please contact Skyla Miller with a list of school districts she may contact on your behalf in order to secure a site.

Submitting Paperwork

As you plan and prepare for your Practicum/Internship, please ensure that your paperwork is submitted according to the due dates shown on the charts below.

CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING & MARRIAGE, COUPLE & FAMILY COUNSELING TRACKS	For Fall Semester	For Summer Semester	For Spring Semester
Practicum/Internship Pre-Registration Form	May I st	February I st	September I st
All Practicum/Internship documents	August I st	May I st	December 18 th

SCHOOL COUNSELING TRACK	For Fall Semester	For Spring Semester
Practicum/Internship Pre-Registration Form	February I st	September 1 st
All Practicum/Internship Documents	August I st	December 18 th

When you reach the halfway point in the semester, please be sure to upload both your Mid-Term Self-Evaluation and Site Supervisor's Mid-Term Student Evaluation to your e-portfolio.

Please contact the Practicum and Internship Coordinator, Skyla Miller, with any questions you may have.

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